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COMMEMORATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Organization of the list of speakers for the special commemorative meeting

Note by the Chairman

1. At its 21st meeting, on 2 February 1995, and following discussion of document A/AC.240/1995/L.2, entitled "Status of replies to the Secretary-General's invitation and organization of the special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations", the Preparatory Committee agreed that the Chairman would undertake further consultations with regard to the organization of the list of speakers for the special commemorative meeting. The present note is submitted in compliance with that request.

2. The special commemorative meeting will be held in the course of three days, from Sunday afternoon, 22 October to Tuesday afternoon, 24 October, for a total of five meetings.

3. Once a decision on a time-limit for speeches has been taken, the Secretariat will be in a position to determine the maximum number of speakers that can be accommodated during each meeting.

4. It is proposed that the list of speakers be opened for inscription at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 6 March. Inscriptions will be taken up to 6 p.m. each day until Wednesday, 8 March, at a place to be announced later.

5. If the list of speakers for the special commemorative meeting is to be organized, with one exception, on the basis of the option outlined in paragraph 6 (a) of document A/AC.240/1995/L.2, that is that "the list of speakers to be opened on a certain date for inscription and the order be determined strictly in the order in which the delegation inscribed in the list", it should be on the understanding that:

(a) As indicated in paragraph 6 (a) cited above, the inscriptions will therefore be taken on a "first come, first served" basis;

(b) However, in accordance with the practice followed in respect of the general debate, at each meeting priority will be given to heads of State, followed by vice-presidents and crown princes, heads of Government and ministers;

(c) A request for inscription should be submitted in writing; only a letter delivered in person at the time of inscription by a member of a permanent mission will be accepted;

(d) Each letter should indicate the level of the speaker and give two choices for inscription, i.e., two different dates, in the order of preference;

(e) In the event that the level at which the statement will be made is altered subsequent to the initial inscription, then the speaker will be transferred to the next available place in the appropriate category on the date(s) originally requested;

(f) The first speaker in the commemorative debate would be the head of State of the host country of the Organization.